Of capital treason I attach you both.
MOWB. Is this proceeding just and honourable ?
WEST. Is your assembly so ?
ARCH. Will you thus break your faith ?
P. JOHN. I pawn'd thee none :
I promis'd you redress of these same grievances[7],
Whereof you did complain ; which, by mine ho-
nour,
I will perform with a most Christian care.
But, for you, rebels,—look to taste the due
Meet for rebellion, and such acts as yours *.
Most shallowly did you these arms commence,
Fondly brought here[8], and foolishly sent hence.—
Strike up our drums, pursue the scattered stray;
Heaven, and not we, hath safely fought to-day.—
Some guard these traitors to the block of death;
Treason's true bed, and yielder up of breath.

[Exeunt[9].

* Quartos omit *and such acts as yours.*

? *I* promis'd you redress of THESE SAME grievances.] Surely the two redundant Words—these same, should be omitted. for the sake of metre. They are undoubted interpolations.
STEEVENS.

[8] FONDLY brought here, &c.] *Fondly is foolishly.* So, in Lord Surrey's translation of the second book of Virgil's ÆEneid :
"What wight *so fond* such offer to refuse ?"
STEEVENS.

9 *Exeunt.*] It cannot but raise some indignation to find this horrid violation of faith passed over thus slightly by the poet, without any note of censure or detestation.
JOHNSON.
Shakspeare, here, as in many other places, has merely followed the historians, who related this perfidious act without animadversion, and who seem to have adopted the ungenerous sentiment of Chœrœbus:
— dolus an virtus, quis in hoste requirat ?
But this is certainly no excuse: for it is the duty of a poet always to take the side of virtue. MALONE.